

MEMORANDUM

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*China  
exchange  
(attach note)*

~~TOP SECRET SENSITIVE~~

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Following is a report of a meeting with Mrs. Shih at the Chinese Mission in New York on October 31, 1972.


I entered the Chinese Mission at 3:30 p.m., was greeted by Mrs. Shih, and escorted to the second floor. Tea was served and pleasantries exchanged.

Mrs. Shih presented the note (attached) and asked that it be forwarded to Dr. Kissinger. I read the note and had no questions. Mrs. Shih then said she had an oral message to pass to Dr. Kissinger.

"The Vice Foreign Minister and the Ambassador appreciate Dr. Kissinger's kind invitation to dinner. However, they are sorry that they cannot accept it. Since the invitation came on short notice, the Vice Foreign Minister had made other plans. Perhaps we can discuss another date later."

After making this presentation, Mrs. Shih immediately turned the conversation to general amenities.

I departed the Mission at 3:55 p.m. and telephoned Winston Lord with a gist of the note and the oral message.

  
V. James Fazio  
Deputy Director  
Situation Room

~~TOP SECRET SENSITIVE~~